

Minerals available in North Kanara District.

*Q.—186. Sri S. P. PHAYADE (Ankola).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the various kind of minerals available in North Kanara District (Talukwise information may be furnished) ;

(b) whether Government propose to establish any industries to harness the mineral and natural resources in the said district. If so, details may be furnished ;

(c) whether they are aware that the natural resources are not harnessed in the district to a considerable extent, and If so what steps Government intend to take for utilising the natural resources of the District ?

A.—Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN (Deputy Minister for Mines and Geology).—

(a) —

- (1) Ankola : Titaniferrous type of iron ore, Manganese, Salt.
- (2) Bhatkal : Bauxite
- (3) Honnavar : Iron ore of Hematite and Limonite type, Bauxite.
- (4) Supa : Manganese, Iron ore of Hematite and Limonite variety.
- (5) Yellapur : Manganese, Iron ore of Hematite and Limonite variety, Limestone.

(b) Yes. Proposal to start a pulp mill and a salt industry in the district are being examined.

(c) Natural resources are being utilised as indicated hereunder :

A number of industries like the Paper Mill, Plywood Mill, Ferro-manganese industry at Dandeli and a Salt Industry at Sanekatte are in existence in the North Kanara District. There is also the large scale extraction and export of iron and manganese ores in the District and the utilisation of clay by tile factories. Further the Department of Mines and Geology has taken up detailed surveys for economic minerals in the District for exploitation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಪಿ. ಫಾಯದೆ.—ಖನಿಜಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಲ್ಪ ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಯಾವಾಗ ? ಆ ಕೆಲಸ ಯಾವಾಗ ಮುಗಿಯಿತು ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—Sir, only three years back we took up the survey and detailed survey is still going on there.

Sri R. S. HEGDE.—In order to start a rayon factory in the public sector, foundation-stone was laid at Yellapur four years back ; may I know what has happened to it ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—The licensee has not taken necessary measures to set up the factory there. Some time ago the licence was revoked and again it has been restored in his favour and he has been asked to take all the necessary steps to set up the factory as early as possible.

Sri SIDDIAH KASHIMATH.—In Yellapur, manganese, iron ore and large deposits of lime-stones of various varieties are available. May I know the percentage of manganese that is available there?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—The economic worthiness of exploitation of all the mineral indicated in the answers printed has been proved. There are large deposits of these minerals. I do not have the details in regard to the assessment of these deposits. But they are fairly large.

Sri R. S. HEGDE.—In view of the deposits of bauxite in Honavar, will the Government start an aluminium factory because bauxite is an essential element in the manufacture of aluminium?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—The Hon'ble Member knows it fairly well that the State is going ahead with the plan to set up an aluminium factory in Mysore State.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಆರ್. ಕೇಶವ ಮೂರ್ತಿ.—ಸರ್ವೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಆಧುನಿಕ ರೀತಿ ನೀತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಬ್ಬರಾಯನ ಕಾಲದ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ? ಇದನ್ನು ನೂತನವಾಗಿ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಟು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—All the surveys are conducted either by the Department of Mines and Geology or by the National Council of Applied Economic Research. They have been conducted and are being conducted on very proper lines.

Sri R. S. HEGDE.—In view of the fact that large deposits of iron ore, will the Government find the feasibility of starting an iron foundry or a centre this raw material can be converted into iron and steel?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—The suggestion of the Hon'ble Member will be borne in mind. As for setting up a pig iron factory, we have found that Bellary-Hospet sector is the most suitable place.

Construction of Government Primary School Building at Nonavinakere.

*Q.—214. **Sri K. P. REVANASIDDAPPA (Tiptur).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the present condition of the Government Primary Kannada Boys' School Building at Nonavinakere Village, Tiptur Taluk ;

(b) whether representations have been received from the villagers for the construction of School building ;

(c) the reason for not constructing the said school building so far ;

(d) whether they would construct the said School building immediately ?